

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for producing a copolyester comprising at least 3-hydroxybutyric acid and hydroxyhexanoic acid as monomeric units by a microorganism

which comprises culturing the microorganism with an oil or fat containing lauric acid in constituent fatty acids as a carbon source under condition phosphorus, a nutrient source, being restricted,

wherein the lauric acid content in constituent fatty acids of the oil or fat is 10 to 41% by weight.

2. (currently amended) The method according to Claim 1,
wherein the oil or fat used ~~as a carbon source contains at least 10% by weight of~~ containing lauric acid is palm kernel olein oil in the constituent fatty acids.

3. (currently amended) The method according to Claim 1,
wherein the oil and fat used as a carbon source ~~contains at least one oil or fat selected from the group consisting of~~ is a mixed oil obtained by mixing palm kernel olein oil, coconut oil and a fractional oil or fat obtainable by fractioning said oil or fat and an oil or fat containing no lauric acid in constituent fatty acids.

4. (currently amended) The method according to Claim ~~3~~ 4,
wherein the oil or fat containing lauric acid is a mixed oil obtained by mixing palm kernel olein oil and at least one oil or fat selected from the group consisting of peanut oil, soybean oil and corn oil ~~the productivity of the copolyester produced by a microorganism is at least 40 g/L and a content of 3-hydroxyhexanoic acid unit in the copolyester is at least 4 mol%.~~

5. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 1,

wherein the microorganism is a transformed microorganism incorporated with a polyester polymerase gene isolated from *Aeromonas caviae*.

6. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the microorganism is *Ralstonia eutropha*.